

Proposed *E-ZPass* Maryland Discount Plans

Commuter Discount Plans

- The commuter discount toll rate has not changed since 1983 for the Bay, Nice and Hatem Bridges and the John F. Kennedy (JFK) Memorial Highway
- The current cost per trip for the commuter plans only recovers the cost to collect the toll, and in some cases it does not even cover the cost to collect the toll

For example: The cost to collect a toll is approximately \$0.45 per trip, but the actual toll for the Harbor crossings is \$0.40 per trip

- There are three separate Commuter Discount Plans for passenger vehicles with two-axes: one for the Baltimore Region (i.e., JFK Highway, Hatem Bridge, Fort McHenry Tunnel, Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and Key Bridge), one for the Bay Bridge, and one for the Nice Bridge
- Customers must have a valid *E-ZPass* Maryland account and transponder to sign up for a Commuter Discount Plan
- Customers may sign up for more than one Commuter Discount Plan
- The Discount Plan starts the first time you travel through a toll plaza and is good for 45 days or when all the trips are used, whichever comes first

- The Baltimore Region Commuter Discount Plan is good for 50 trips (each passage through the Hatem Bridge and Kennedy Highway counts as two trips and the Fort McHenry Tunnel, Harbor Tunnel or Key Bridge count as one trip)
- The Bay and Nice Commuter Discount Plans are good for 25 trips because tolls are collected in only one direction
- In Phase 1, effective October 1, 2011, the proposed toll increase commuter discounts would be 70% off the cash/base toll rate

For example: In Phase 1, the cash toll at the Bay Bridge would be \$5, if you are signed up for the Commuter Discount Plan, you would only pay \$1.50 per trip if all 25 trips are used in the 45-day period

- In Phase 2, effective July 1, 2013, the proposed toll increase commuter discounts would be reduced to 65% off the cash/base toll rate

For example: In Phase 2, the cash toll at the Fort McHenry Tunnel is \$4, if you are signed up for the Commuter Discount Plan, you would only pay \$1.40 per trip if all 50 trips are used in the 45-day period

E-ZPass Standard Plan

- If you have a valid *E-ZPass* Maryland Account and transponder, you will receive a 10% discount off the cash/base toll rate. This discount is new and being proposed by the MDTA Board as a benefit to *E-ZPass* Maryland customers.

		Current			Proposed Phase 1 – October 2011			Proposed Phase 2 – July 2013		
Facility	Number of Trips	Price Per Trip	Price	# Trips to Break Even	Price Per Trip	Price	# Trips to Break Even	Price Per Trip	Price	# Trips to Break Even
Baltimore Region Commuter Discount Plan										
JFK Highway & Hatem Bridge	25	\$0.80	\$20	4	\$1.80	\$45	7	\$2.80	\$70	9
Harbor Crossings	50	\$0.40	\$20	10	\$0.90	\$45	15	\$1.40	\$70	18
Bay Bridge Commuter Discount Plan										
Bay Bridge	25	\$1	\$25	10	\$1.50	\$37.50	8	\$2.80	\$70	9
Nice Bridge Commuter Discount Plan										
Nice Bridge	25	\$0.60	\$15	5	\$1.50	\$37.50	8	\$2.80	\$70	9